

The claims are:

1. A method of requesting and collecting information from a network via an information account of a system, comprising a plurality of steps of:

5 making a request by indicating a type of information to be collected;

entering a duration in which the request is active.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
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receiving in the information account a result obtained from the network in response to the request.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
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maintaining a record to capture the request and a result obtained from the network in response to the request.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising a step
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determining an amount of result in the record.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein a utility analyzes behaviors of a requester making the request in view of the
25 record.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

5 determining an actual duration the request stayed
active.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

10 taking an action based on the result obtained from the
network in response to the request.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising a step
of:

15 categorizing the action taken after receipt of the
results.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein the action is one
of made a purchase, not made a purchase, continued to make
the request, modified the request, purchased within a time
20 range and abandoned the request.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

25 inputting one of various levels of readiness to buy and
a purchase intentionality index.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:
entering one of a usage intentionality index.

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12. The method of claim 11, further comprising a step

of:

determining whether to issue one of an electronic
refund and a coupon voucher based on one of the purchase
10 intentionality status, the purchased intentionality index
and the usage intentionality index.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

15 specifying one of a destination and a plurality of
destinations regarding where a result of the request is to
be delivered to.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein an origin of where
20 the request is initiated from is insulated from the network.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the request
comprises a plurality of request parameters.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the duration is preset for one of a future activation date and a future cut-off date.

5 17. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

specifying a time the request is made known to the network.

10 18. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

entering a quantity of information desired as expressed in one of a fixed number and a range.

15 19. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

entering a preferred method of transmission as expressed in a transmission rate.

20 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

entering a preferred method of transmission suitable for a particular type of receiving terminus.

21. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

entering a geographic region where the type of information is to be collected from.

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22. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

specifying a certain promotional type which the type of information is to be collected from.

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23. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

specifying a source of origin where the type of information is to be collected from.

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24. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

specifying the type of information must be collected from a source accepting a certain transaction method.

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25. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

entering a delivery priority of the type of information based on a plurality of terminus.

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26. The method of claim 15, further comprising a step
of:

ranking a plurality of results based on how close each
result matches the plurality of request parameters.

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27. The method of claim 15, further comprising a step
of:

entering a priority of delivery based on how well a
plurality of results matches the specified request
10 parameters.

28. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

specifying a time the type of information should be
15 delivered to the information account.

29. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

specifying a repetitive pattern the type of information
20 should be delivered to the information account.

30. The method of claim 1, wherein the account
comprises an electronic mail (email) account, an instant
messaging account, a wireless short messaging account, a
25 wireless account, a cellular telephone account, a paging

account, a facsimile number, a voice mailbox, a bulletin board, an addressable TV terminus address, a posting address and a print out address.

5 31. The method of claim 1, wherein the type of information is indicated by one of selecting from an index with a mouse, entering from a keyboard and entering orally with a microphone.

10 32. The method of claim 1, wherein the type of information is searched from one of a public domain resource and a private domain resource.

15 33. The method of claim 1, wherein the duration is measured in one of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, and a combination thereof.

20 34. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:
 entering an update interval of the request.

25 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the update interval is measured in one of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, and a combination thereof.

36. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

specifying a format of a result.

5 37. The method of claim 36, wherein the format
comprises HTML/PIX, Video, Audio, Text, ASCII, TIFF, JPEG
and other formats used in the digital transmission of data.

10 38. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

specifying whether a related subject of the type of
information is desired

15 39. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

specifying whether the search should be conducted in
one of a public domain resource, a private domain resource,
and a combination thereof.

20 40. The method of claim 39, further comprising a step
of:

taking payment information from a requester via one of
a micro-payment system, billing or credit card system.

41. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step
of:

receiving a result of the requested type of information
in the account in a specified format at a specified update
5 interval within the duration the request is active, in a
quantity desired and according to a priority and a
preference.

42. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is
10 implemented on one of an instant messaging utility, a
wireless messaging utility (WAP or other), an electronic
mail utility, a paging utility, a facsimile utility, a voice
mail utility, a bulletin board utility, a printer utility, a
browser utility, a cable utility, a satellite utility, a
15 digital broadcast utility, a television system utility, a
web-TV utility and an Internet utility.

43. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is
transmitted via one of a 2-way addressable television
20 system, or a hybrid system where download is via a broadband
signal and upload is via telephone, a cable system, an
Internet system, an Intranet system, a satellite system, a
Web-TV system and a digital broadcast system, a local area
network and a wide area network.

44. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is implemented on a computer system in one of an always active mode and a launched upon request mode.

5 45. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is integrated as a request utility as part of one of a web site and a portal.

10 46. The method of claim 1, wherein a requester's identity is concealed from an origin providing a result relevant to the request.

47. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

15 designating automatic forwarding of requested informational/advertising e-mails to one of a single party, a plurality of parties, an existing carbon copy (cc) list, and a newly created distribution list of e-mail recipients.

20 48. The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

paying for a result relevant to the request by one of a micro-payment, billing, and credit card system.

49. The method of claim 1, wherein the system captures a requester behavior with respect to a result delivered to the requester.

5 50. The method of claim 49, wherein the requester behavior comprises opening the result, saving the result, deleting the result, forwarding the result, responding to the result, making a purchase transaction via email in response to the result, registering for any offer in
10 response to the result and archiving the result.

51. The method of claim 1, wherein should the request fail to specify any preferences or request criteria, default preferences or request criteria are imposed by the system.

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52. The method of claim 51, wherein the default preferences or request criteria are based on one of an average preferences or request criteria of the account in the type of information, an average preferences or request
20 criteria of the overall account, an average preferences or request criteria of the system in the type of information, and an average preferences or request criteria of the overall system.

53. The method of claim 1, wherein a result of the request can only reach the account with one of a digital key, a certificate for permitted access and a password recognized by a lookup table.

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54. A communication system, comprising:
a subscriber system;
a supplier system;
an information memory system;
10 an information exchange system;
a clearinghouse system; and
a network;
wherein the subscriber system, the supplier system, the information memory system, the information exchange system;
15 the clearinghouse system are interconnected through the network.

55. The communication system of claim 54, wherein data of the system are intercommunicated among the subscriber system, the supplier system, the information memory system, the information exchange system, the clearinghouse system and the network.

56. The communication system of claim 54, wherein a 25 subscriber account communicatively connected to the

subscriber system makes a request of information having a specified characteristic to the subscriber system.

57. The communication system of claim 56, wherein a
5 supplier account communicatively connected to the supplier system provides a supply of information having an indicated characteristic.

58. The communication system of claim 57, wherein the
10 information exchange system upon finding a match between the specified characteristic and the indicated characteristic, causes the communication system to transfer the supplied information to the subscriber account.

15 59. The communication system of claim 58, wherein the information exchange system informs the clearinghouse system that the request of information has been fulfilled.

20 60. The communication system of claim 59, wherein the clearinghouse system registers a charge against the subscriber account.

25 61. The communication system of claim 54, wherein the network is one of a local area network, a wide area network or an Internet.

62. The communication system of claim 58, wherein the match is one of an exact match and a varying degree of match.

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63. The communication system of claim 56, wherein the request of information having the specified characteristic is communicated to a plurality of supplier correspondingly having a plurality of supplier accounts communicatively connected to the supplier system.

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64. A communication system, comprising:

a dynamic request data system is communicatively connected to an Internet;

15 an information control panel is communicatively connected to the dynamic request data system;

an email account is communicatively connected to the dynamic request data system;

20 an information supplier system is communicatively connected to the dynamic request data system;

wherein the dynamic request data system upon receiving a request via the information control panel, initiates a search in one of the internet and the information supplier system and delivers information fulfilling the request to 25 the email account.